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SUBJECT: LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR FEDERATION PROJECTS

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1. JALLUD HAD THREE HOURS OF TALKS FEB. 2 WITH THREE "MINISTERS OF CAR". THEY DISCUSSED STATUS OF VARIOUS FEDERAL PROJECTS, TOTAL VALUE OF WHICH SAID TO BE 75 MILLION DINARS, OR ABOUT 250 MILLION DOLLARS. IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT CAPITAL IS TO BE LIBYAN, ALTHOUGH PRESS DOES NOT SAY SO.

2. PROJECTS ARE LISTED BY PRESS AS:

--ARAB CONTRACTING COMPANY, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN TRIPOLI, WITH BUDGET OF 10 MILLION DINARS,
--FEDERAL ARAB BANK FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT, HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO, BUDGET OF 12 MILLION DINARS,
--FEDERAL ARAB COMPANY FOR RE-INSURANCE, HEADQUARTERS IN DAMASCUS, BUDGET 2 MILLION DINARS,

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--FEDERAL ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT,

HEADQUARTERS IN DAMASCUS, BUDGET 10 MILLION DINARS,
--FEDERAL ARAB COMPANY FOR SEA TRANSPORT, HEADQUARTERS
IN ALEXANDRIA, BUDGET 40 MILLION DINARS.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS CARROT SIDE OF QADHAFI'S POLICY.
TWO THIRDS OF PROPOSED PROJECTS, WORTH MORE THAN 170
MILLION DOLLARS, ARE HELD OUT FOR EGYPT. IT IS THROUGH
FEDERAL MACHINERY, SUCH AS IT IS, THAT QADHAFI WOULD
LIKE TO CHANNEL MONEY TO EGYPT, AND TO LESSER EXTENT TO
SYRIA, IN RETURN FOR MOVEMENT TOWARD UNITY. AT LEAST
SOME OF THESE PROJECTS, SEA TRANSPORT COMPANY FOR EXAMPLE,
HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR SOME TIME, AND WERE APPROVED BY
THREE CHIEFS OF STATE IN DAYS WHEN SADAT AND ASAD WERE
STILL SPEAKING TO QADHAFI. SO FAR PROJECTS SEEM TO BE
MOSTLY TALK, ALTHOUGH BASHIR RABTI, HEAD OF FEDERATION
COUNCIL, SPOKE HERE IN DEC AS THOUGH LIBYA HAD ALREADY
PUT UP SOME OF THE FUNDS (REFTEL).
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